

44. The intraluminal stent of claim 43 wherein the elongated member extends from a valley of an undulation of a ring section to a valley of an adjacent ring section.

45. The intraluminal stent of claim 43 wherein the elongated member extends from a peak of an undulation of a ring section to a peak of an undulation of an adjacent ring section.

46. The intraluminal stent of claim 41 wherein the support connector extending between ring sections is provided with a cover connecting member having a pair of cover penetrating arms.

47. The intraluminal stent of claim 46 wherein the arms are configured to be bent to facilitate penetration of the cover and portions of the arms are configured to be further bent to secure a cover to the stent.

REMARKS

The above new claims are believed to be directed to patentable subject matter. Consideration and an early allowance thereof along with the other pending claims are earnestly solicited.

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